



## **Citizens Clean Elections Commission**

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### **CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUBMITS RESIGNATION**

**PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 1, 2005)** – The Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission), a state agency that administers the Citizens Clean Elections Act (Act), announced today that Colleen Connor, executive director at the Commission, has submitted her resignation with the agency.

Connor has served as the executive director for the past six years and cited her desire to pursue new challenges outside of government as her reasons for resigning. Connor's last day of employment is Friday, June 17, 2005. Before becoming the executive director of the Commission, she spent three years as the Assistant Attorney General in the Arizona State Attorney General's office.

In a letter to the Commission, Connor stated: "We have withstood controversy and constitutional challenges together and I am proud of our accomplishments. Our hard work together has made Arizona a model for other states pursuing Clean Elections initiatives themselves."

"We are deeply saddened to see Colleen leave, yet thrilled for her and her future plans," said Chairwoman Marcia Busching on behalf of the Commission. "Her work has been instrumental in the ongoing success of Clean Elections in Arizona."

The Commission will review the selection process and protocol at a special June 6 Commission meeting. An official posting of the job vacancy will occur shortly through the Arizona State Department of Administration. Eric Gorsegrner, deputy director at the Commission, will serve as interim executive director during the hiring process.

#### **About the Citizens Clean Elections Commission**

The Citizens Clean Elections Act, which was passed by voters in 1998, created a new campaign financing system that provides full public funding to qualified candidates who agree to abide by Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) guidelines. Candidates for statewide and legislative offices are eligible to participate in the public funding program.

To qualify for funding, participating candidates must adhere to strict spending and contribution limits and gather \$5 qualifying contributions from district constituents who are registered voters. Participating candidates also agree to attend required debates.

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